

Olivet Presbyterian Church

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Our Missionaries

Peter and Diane Bakelaar (*MTW-Japan*)

Brian Howard (*RUFJ-Clemson Univ.*)

Garry and Anita Chambers (*MTW-Caribbean*)

Sara Driggers (*Wycliffe*)

Roger and Laura Dye (*Family Life Global-Latin America*)

Debbie Richards (*MTW-Japan*)

Ministry Committees, 2024

Discipleship Ministries Committee

Chris Arnold (2024), *Chairman*

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Rick Summerville (2026)

Donna McArthur (2025)

Kathy Fairfax (2025)

Missions Committee

Bobby Mendenhall (2024), *Chairman*

Brian Carlisle (2024)

Jason Petty (2026)

Thomas Hardison (2025)

Lorie Rohrer (2025)

Dennis Krueger (2026)

Witness Committee

Daniel Harshaw (2026), *Chairman*

Katie Summerville (2024)

Scharlie Carlisle (2025)

Barbara Lawson (2028)

Marsha Plyler (2025)

Austin Simpson (2028)



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McConnells, South Carolina

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The Lord's Day, August 11, 2024

Prelude Preparation for Worship

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Austin Simpson

*Call to Worship

I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.
Oh, magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name together!

(Psalm 34:1-3, ESV)

*Hymn 76 *Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven* All

*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn 87 *The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want* (Psalm 23) All

Scripture Meditation Pastor Chip McArthur

Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

(1 Peter 1:13-19, ESV)

Corporate Confession of Sin Responsive Reading

All: Hear our words and our groanings, O Lord. Give attention to our cry for mercy.

Minister: You are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with You. The boastful shall not stand before Your eyes; You hate all evildoers. You destroy those who speak lies; You abhor the bloodthirsty and deceitful.

All: But, O Lord, we are evildoers. We are boastful, deceitful bloodthirsty.

Minister: By Your mercy alone, by the abundance of Your steadfast love may we enter Your house.

All: Because of Your Son, O Lord, let us find refuge in You. Take away our sins and let us sing for joy. Cover us with our favor as with a shield. For the sake of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Adapted from Psalm 5)

Assurance of Pardon

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.

(Ephesians 1:7, ESV)

Pastoral Prayer

His Tithes & Our Offerings

*Doxology

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn 599 *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us* All

Children's Message

(Children aged 3 to 5 years dismissed to Children's Church Program)

Scripture Reading Ephesians 5:15-21

Sermon "Walking Wisely" Pastor McArthur

*Hymn 642 *Be Thou My Vision* All

*Benediction

*Offering of Praise 735 *The Gloria Patri* All

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

*Postlude

*Those who are able, please stand.

Today (8/11) Brenda Nance (T), Marsha Plyler
Next Sunday (8/18) Amanda Lenker (T), Richard Sikes

Devotional Guides

The latest editions of *Our Daily Bread* and *Tabletalk* are available today in the vestibule.

Today at Olivet:

9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Morning Worship Service
4:00 pm Session Meeting
5:00 pm Choir Practice
6:00 pm Children’s Ministries and Adult Bible Study

This Week at Olivet:

Tuesday Game Night, 7-8:30 pm
Wednesday Youth Group Meeting, 6 pm
Prayer Meeting at 7 pm (Conference Room)

Note:

Pastor Chip is scheduled to be away this Thursday to Saturday attending a family wedding in Georgia.

Looking Ahead (Please Mark Your Calendars!)

August 18 Sunday Night Special (Fellowship Supper following Children’s Ministries and Adult Bible Study)
October 6 Homecoming

Faith Promise for World Missions

2024 Faith Promise Pledged, April 30, 2024 \$ 20,960.00
2024 Faith Promise Received to date \$ 5,320.00

Church Budget Matters

Receipts to Date \$ 135,200.34
Budget requirements to Date \$ 140,105.12
Difference -\$4,904.78

Collection Duty

August Jamie Clinton, Malcolm Harshaw, David Kelley
September Brian Carlisle, John Hawley, Michael Laws

Nursery Team

Today (8/11) Donna McArthur, Bryce Laws
Next Sunday (8/18) Addisyn Sikes, Laura Frame

Children’s Church Team

Missions Prayer Requests For August

(We) ought always to pray and not lose heart.

Luke 18:1

Brian Howard RUF I Clemson – Pray for Brian and his team as they begin the fall semester at Clemson. This is truly a multi-cultural ministry. Last semester they were able to bring the Gospel to students from Ghana, Nigeria, Madagascar, Cameroon, and India! Pray for continued opportunities to share Christ and for hearts that are open to hear.

Pete and Diane Bakelaar Japan – Praise the Lord that they have been able to begin a new branch of ministry called “Art and Soul”. This is a series of talks that relate the beauty of art to the truths of the Bible and reflect God’s handiwork as well as His attributes. Pray for good attendance as these talks continue. Pray that the Holy Spirit will prepare hearts open and receptive as well as for meaningful connections to be established.

Continue to pray for our other missionaries: **Sara Driggers, Roger and Laura Dye, Debbie Richards, and Garry and Anita Chambers.**

MTW has ongoing projects that need prayer support. One of these is Hilltop School in South Asia. The school provides food, shelter, education, and the Gospel to more than 60 children, and is a platform for the Gospel to reach surrounding villages. Help to further the spread of the Gospel by praying for this unique school.